IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Linda D. Artman et al.

Title: Treating a Variety of Pathological Conditions, Including Spasticity

and Convulsions, by Effecting a Modulation of CNS Activity with

Isovaleramide, Isovaleric Acid, or a Related Compound

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 9, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the response is being timely filed by the due date of November 9, 2004, applicants believe that no additional fees are required. If this is incorrect, however, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as indicated below.